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## SOCIETY

The literary circle of the Kiloahua Art League have arranged a reception and literary evening program for Wednesday, to take place in their rooms on Miller and Beretania avenue. The affair has been arranged in honor of Mr. Will Castle, who will speak on a subject to be later announced. The committee in charge of the affair is Mesdames L. L. McCandless, P. Weaver and Cox.

Mr. Castle is an oldtime member of the League, having been at one time the chairman of the literary circle, under whose auspices the present reception is being given. No regular invitations are being sent out, but the invitation to League members to be present and the usual privilege accorded each member of bringing a friend has been made general. The hour set is half-past eight o'clock.

Many Honolulu people know Dr. and Mrs. Louis D. Mead of Byron Hot Springs, California. Dr. Mead was for a number of years the resident physician there. It will be interesting to these friends to know that the Doctor has taken up practise in San Francisco.

Mr. John Lennox of Eleele, Kauai, announces the engagement of his sister, Miss Annie Roy Lennox, to Mr. Harold T. Barclay, Kukuhihaele, Hawaii. Miss Lennox who arrived from Scotland some few months ago has been visiting at her brother's home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Whitehouse, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Whitehouse and maid are registered at the Moana Hotel. The Whitehouses are very prominent New Yorkers.

### TAX COLLECTION SYSTEM ON WAIPAHU PLANTATION

Hawaii Shingo. The management of the Waipahu plantation is assuredly showing themselves open to suggestions for the good of their laborers and willing to carry out whatever suggestions may be made that commend themselves to the manager's good judgment. In the matter of collecting the poll-tax from the Japanese, for instance, the Waipahu plantation has decided not to wait until the tax is due and then hold out the whole amount, five dollars, from the February wages. Instead, on that plantation the amount will be held back one dollar from this month's wages, and two dollars from the wages of January and February, thus making up the amount at slight inconvenience to the laborers. Such action is commendable, and the Shingo desires to gratefully acknowledge it.

The system now inaugurated at the Waipahu plantation is better and more workable, we will confess, than that originally suggested by us, that of collecting the tax amount in equal monthly installments through the year. If other plantations would follow the lead of Waipahu, the satisfaction among the Japanese laborers of Hawaii would be general.



WHERE THE METEORS COME FROM.

Celestial Golfer (after an exceptionally bad drive).—Great Peter! There goes another lost ball!

### SCOOPED, BY GOSH!

Daily Missoulian (Montana).—The Hawaii Shingo has scooped the press of the world; this little Japanese daily, issued in Honolulu, has stolen a great piece of news from the press of America and has made the ear-to-the-ground correspondents of European publications look cheap. The Shingo has not only gone on to the fact that there has been signed a treaty between Japan and America which will regulate coolie immigration into this country, but will also insure the territorial integrity of China and open ports, but has the complete text of the treaty down to the signatures of Kogoro Takahira and Elihu Root. The scoop is complete. It would be hard enough to be scooped by a great newspaper of recognized standing; but to be beaten in this tremendous style by the Hawaii Shingo—that is the limit. The Shingo has the laugh on the rest of the newspaper world; it has achieved a great triumph and is now in the limelight; it will be regarded with envy by its jealous rivals—until the story is proved to be false.

A very matter-of-fact person called to see a neighbor, an elderly woman, who had been ailing for some time. "And how do you find yourself today, Janet?" was the greeting. "Ah, Martha, I'm very bad. This cold, damp weather'll be the end of me. I'll be a dead woman before very long." "Hoos, toots, woman. You've been saying that any time these last twenty years. I've no patience with you. I'll tell you what it is. You want firmness of mind. Fix a day for your dying—and stick to it."

### ENGLAND'S POTTERY TRADE.

Curious reasons for the depression in the English pottery trade were given at Stoke recently in the course of the arbitration proceedings on the demand of the potters for an increase of wages. John Ridgway a prominent manufacturer, declared that in many London hotels the head employees, who were often Germans, gave preference to Germany when they ordered their ware. "I also attribute the decline in the dinnerware trade to the change in the habits of life in London," continued Mr. Ridgway. "Large numbers of Londoners now live in flats and dine in restaurants, and consequently they require no dinner services in their homes."

### JAPANESE STAGE SCHOOL.

The first Japanese school for the education of actresses has been formally opened at Tokio, under the direction of Sada Yokka. Of the young women who presented themselves for admission about twenty were accepted, and they will take a two years' course. More than twice that number, all having the educational requirements, applied for admission, but could not be accepted because, as the head of the school explained, "their small stature precluded their assuming the heroine parts which belong to the dramatic literature of Europe."

Trotter—When young Biffkins left college a few years ago, he declared he was going to force his way to the front. Did he make good? Homer—As a forger, yes. He's now occupying a front row cell in the penitentiary.—Chicago Daily News.

The rebellious angels had just been cast out of heaven. In the swift downward flight Lucifer overtook Beelzebub. "What's troubling you, Bub?" he called. "An old problem," answered the future foul fiend, between somersaults—"Where are we going this fall?"—Philadelphia Record.

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